

8/19/24 Conservation Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Dan Harris, Cosmo LaViola, April LeSage

Others: Jazzmyn Tuloch

Dan Harris made a motion to open the meeting at 5:35

Cosmo LaViola seconded the motion

All in favor, meeting started

Review mail:

- Forest cutting plan submitted by Edwin Clairmont/Trust originally filed on October 24, 2022 prepared by forester Jeff Jourdain. Location of the land owner is 1181 Savoy Road, Cheshire MA 01225. Property consists of 20 acres on Stewart White Road, Savoy. No wetland crossings noted. Peter Grima approved an extension until October 15, 2025.
- Letter from Town of Cheshire Con Com about public meeting at 9am on 8/18/24 to review an RDA submitted by Julie Shanahan for the removal of a tree at the edge of Cheshire Reservoir. Meeting noted by the Savoy Con Com

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- Dan Harris made a motion to approve minutes from 7/23/24, Cosmo LaViola seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion of current or ongoing conservation applications and issues:

598 Main Road septic system progress

- Dan Harris issued the Negative Determination 3 to the homeowner, Charles Lincoln, so the septic construction could start. Progress has been made with the septic. Dan will follow up with this for next meeting

585 Main Road riverfront area update

- Jazzmyn Tuloch gave an update on the removal of cars. Breaklines being fixed on tow truck so they will be able to bring the vehicles to the scrap yard. 6 of the 12 cars will be scrapped, 3 vehicles are for sale, waiting for parts for 2 of them, one is going on the road. The commission requests that the 6 vehicles be removed by October 31, 2024.
- Jazzman is waiting for a call back from DOT about the railroad ties near the river. Jazzman thinks DOT, contractor, or Windsor Highway Dept dropped them off on the property. She was able to talk to someone at DOT on the phone about it, she contacted the Lenox office but did not have their name or any other information.. Jazzman will follow up with the Windsor Highway Department to find out who the contractor is. Conservation commission requests a written statement from DOT or Windsor Highway Department about the railroad ties by October 31, 2024.

- Jazzman sent an email to UMASS to discuss a plan for the property to plant various fruits and vegetables, but did not get a response. Jazzman states she does not want to put animals on the property like she had previously. For the time being she plans on keeping two horses on the property and eventually some chickens. Dan Harris suggested that she have a new plan submitted to the conservation commission and work with UMass. Cosmo LaViola gave Jazzman a contact person for UMASS Clem Clay, cclay@umext.umass.edu. Jazzman will submit a plan or progress towards a plan by October 31, 2024.
- Manure is still in a pile on the property, she discussed processing it on site. Jazzman is going to incorporate the manure pile with the plan with UMASS.
- Jazzman asked about her being in compliance with the Conservation Commission since she submitted a plan previously, Dan Harris explained that her plan was no longer valid because it is 7 years old. Discussion between the commission and Jazzman about the regulations and farming exemptions.
- Dan talked to Jazzman about reducing the amount of disturbance to the soil. She asked about reseeding the property, but because of the horse grazing the seeds will not grow. She will touch base with UMASS about horse grazing.
- The RDA/NOI will transfer to the next property owner, she said she is planning on selling/transferring the property.

DPW Bundled NOI/OOC-

- A list was started, doc-Savoy Highway Bundled NOI, listing the work that can be completed under the NOI with the orders of conditions, and a list of work that can not be completed under the Bundled NOI. The commission will continue to work on this for the next meeting.

Town Park delineation and mowing schedule

- Cosmo LaViola and Dan Harris walked the property. The Conservation Commission will invite John Glynn from the Parks Committee to our next meeting to discuss delineation and a mowing schedule.

410 Main Road

- A retroactive Form 9 was issued by Dan Harris to the Wetlands Circuit Rider, Emily Stockman, and the land owner to notify all that the enforcement order has been lifted.

New Business:

- 523 Center Road is currently for sale, the property did not have a certificate of occupancy because of the installation of the septic system. There have been previous meetings with the Savoy Conservation Commission. This site has been delegated to DEP to take care of, DEP will take a site visit before lifting the order.

Next Meeting:

- September 17, 2024 at 6:30pm

Dan Harris made a motion to close the meeting at 6:54pm, Cosmo seconded, all in favor.
Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by April LeSage